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DHCD Offering Grants for Groups to Provide Housing Counseling, Small Business and Façade Improvement Services

Applicants Must Be Committed to Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization

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(Washington, DC) Today, the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is announcing that local organizations can apply for grants to provide housing counseling services to District residents, small business technical assistance and façade improvements services to District businesses.

Community-based non-profit organizations that apply for the Community Development Block Grant funds and/or local funds being made available by DHCD must be committed to affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.

The “Notice of Funding Availability” (NOFA) was published on May 6, 2016 in the *D.C. Register* and specified that grants are available for the following services:

- **Providing comprehensive housing counseling services for low- and moderate-income persons.** DHCD is seeking grantees that have expertise in: (1) homeownership counseling and training in support of DHCD’s home purchasing assistance programs; (2) counseling and training for housing preservation, including the Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program, Lead Safe Washington, the Tenant Purchase Technical Assistance Program and foreclosure counseling; and (3) counseling and education for tenants and tenant groups.
- **Providing small business technical assistance in targeted neighborhood commercial districts.** DHCD supports activities that benefit neighborhoods comprised of at least 51 percent low- and moderate-income persons. Targeted neighborhoods are:
 - 7th Street – Georgia Avenue NW (Mount Vernon Square to Eastern Avenue)
 - H Street NE (North Capitol Street to 17th Street, NE)
 - Benning Road, NE and SE (Bladensburg Road to Southern Avenue)
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE and South Capitol Street (Good Hope Road to Southern Avenue)
 - Pennsylvania Avenue SE (2nd Street, SE to Southern Avenue)
 - Minnesota Avenue NE and SE (Good Hope Road to Sheriff Road)
 - Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE (Minnesota Avenue to Eastern Avenue)
 - Rhode Island Avenue NE (North Capitol Street to Eastern Avenue)
 - North Capitol Street (Massachusetts Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue)
 - Kennedy Street NW (North Capitol Street to Georgia Avenue)
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE (St. Elizabeth’s East/Congress Heights)

- **Developing storefront improvement projects in neighborhoods comprised of at least 51 percent low- and moderate-income persons.** DHCD funding will focus on improving corner stores and small neighborhood commercial nodes in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Request For Applications (RFA) packages for each category are now available at DHCD headquarters, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, 1st Floor, between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The packages are also available on DHCD's website, at dhcd.dc.gov/publications/SBTA-grant-applications-May2016. The packages include application criteria and required forms. There is no application fee. Call (202) 442-7200 for more details.

The application deadline is Friday June 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Applications must be dropped off at DHCD headquarters, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, 3rd floor.

DHCD expects to announce awards in late summer and execute grant agreements by October 1, 2016.

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The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to produce and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.